MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Periodical inspections are made. Stringent orders have been issued to keep them in good condition, and to recondition them if they are found to become useless.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Are we to take that such periodical inspections have not revealed any damage?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes. If it is found the reconditioning is required, it is then done.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: What does the honourable member mean by reconditioning?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Reconditioning means that the materials are taken out, dried, cleaned, and restacked.

Ration work.

203. *MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the ration work is done by the local Proverthicars at Kallupara pakuthi in Tiruvalla taluk and Trikkunnapuzhai pakuthi in Kartikapalli taluk;

(*b*) is there any order not to entrust ration work to the Proverthicars of Edappally North and South pakuthies in their respective areas in Parur taluk, and if so, the reason for the order; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government consider the disadvantages of the above arrangement to the public and entrust the ration work to the local Proverthicars?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (a) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to question (*b*), this question does not arise.

Transport of Paddy.

204. *MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that many persons who brought paddy and rice to Meenachil taluk from outside as the quantity of paddy there is insufficient for consumption, have been arrested by the police and cases have been registered against them in which they have been convicted?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: ഇങ്ങനെ എത്ര കേസുകൾ എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഒൻപതു കേസുകൾ.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: അതിൽ എത്ര ശിക്ഷിച്ചു?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: 17 people were convicted.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: അതിൽ എത്രപേർ അപ്പീൽകൊടുത്തു?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I claim notice Sir.

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